AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently amended) A solid composition comprising a colorant, a gelation agent, a resin component, and ~~one of the following solvents: (i) a solvent having a solubility parameter value, Y, of no more than 8.5; or (ii) a solvent composed of at least two solvents, each solvent having (a) an HLB value, X, of no more than 6.5; or (b) an X and a Y wherein $Y \leq 18 - X$ when $6.5 < X$, $0 < Y$~~ a mixture of at least two different solvents, wherein the mixture

(i) comprises at least two solvents selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monobutyl ether, tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether and dipropyl glycol monomethyl ether; or

(ii) comprises at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monobutyl ether, tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether and dipropyl glycol monomethyl ether; and at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether, dipropylene glycol monomethyl ether, propylene glycol monobutyl ether, diethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monopropyl ether, dipropylene glycol monopropyl ether, dipropylene glycol monobutyl ether, tripropylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monophenyl ether and dipropyl glycol monomethyl ether.

Claim 10 (Currently amended) A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein the ~~solvent comprises at least a glycol ether~~ mixture is selected from the group consisting of:

(i) ethylene glycol monobutyl ether and propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate;

(ii) tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether and dipropylene glycol monomethyl ether; and

(iii) tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether and propylene glycol methyl ether acetate.

Claim 11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Previously added) A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein the resin component comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of ketone resin, xylene resin, polyamide resin, and acrylic resin.

Claim 13 (Currently amended) A solid composition according to claim 9 wherein the resin component comprises at least one selected from the ~~grou~~ **group** consisting of butyral resin, vinyl acetate resin, poly(vinyl acetate-co-vinyl chloride) copolymer resin, poly(vinyl acetate-co-ethylene) resin, cellulose acetate butyrate, ethylcellulose and acetylcellulose and at least one member selected from the group ~~consising~~ **consisting** of ketone resin, xylene resin, polyamide resin, and acrylic resin.

Claim 14 (Currently amended) A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein the colorant is a fluorescent pigment in the form of a solid solution in a polyamide resin ~~vesicle~~ **vehicle**.

Claim 15 (Previously added) A solid composition according to Claim 9, which is a solid writing material.

Claim 16 (Previously added) A solid composition according to Claim 15, which is a wet-surface writing material.

Claim 17 (Previously added) A solid composition according to Claim 16, which is a crayon.

Claims 18-21 (Canceled)

Claim 22 (Previously added) A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein solvent is included at 20-80% by weight.

Claim 23 (New) A method for writing on a wet surface using a solid composition which comprises a colorant, a gelation agent, a resin component, and one of the following solvents; (i) a solvent having a solubility parameter value, Y, of no more than 8.5; or (ii) a solvent composed of at least two solvents, each solvent having (a) an HLB value, X, of no more than 6.5; or (b) an X and a Y wherein $Y \leq 18\text{-}X$ when $6.5<X$, $0<Y$.

Claim 24 (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein the solvent comprises at least a glycol ether.

Claim 25 (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein the solvent comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol

monobutyl ether, tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether, and dipropyl glycol monometyl ether as an essential component.

Claim 26 (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein the resin component comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of cellulosic resin and vinyl resin and at least one member selected from the group consisting of ketone resin, xylene resin, polyamide resin, and acrylic resin.

Claim 27 (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein the resin component comprises at lest one selected from the group consisting of butyral resin, vinyl acetate resin, poly(vinyl acetate-co-vinyl chloride) copolymer resin, poly(vinyl acetate co-ethylene) resin, cellulose acetate butyrate, ethylcellulose and acetylcellulose and at least one member selected from the group consisting of ketone resin, xylene resin, polyamide resin, and acrylic resin.

Claim 28 (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein the colorant is a fluorescent pigment in the form of a solid solution in a polyamide resin vehicle.

Claim 29 (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein the solid composition is a solid writing material.

Claim 30 (New) A method according to Claim 29, wherein the solid composition is a wet-surface writing material.

Claim 31 (New) A method according to Claim 30, wherein the solid composition is a crayon.

Claim 32 (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein solvent (ii) has a Y value wherein $7 \leq Y \leq 12$.

Claim 33 (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein solvent (ii) has an X value wherein $6.5 \leq X \leq 9$.

Claim 34 (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein solvent (ii) has a Y value wherein $8 \leq Y \leq 9.5$.

Claim 35 (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein solvent (i) has an X value wherein $6 \leq X \leq 8.5$.

Claim 36 (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein the solvent is included at 20-80% by weight.

Claim 37 (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein the solvent comprises a mixture of at least two different solvents, said mixture selected from the group consisting of:

(i) at least two solvents selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monobutyl ether, tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether and dipropyl glycol monomethyl ether; and

(ii) (a) at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monobutyl ether, tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether and dipropyl glycol monomethyl ether; and (b) at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether, dipropylene glycol monomethyl ether, propylene glycol monobutyl ether, diethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monopropyl ether, dipropylene glycol monopropyl ether, dipropylene glycol monobutyl ether, tripropylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monophenyl ether and dipropyl glycol monomethyl ether.

Claim 38 (New) A method according to Claim 37, wherein the mixture comprises

(i) ethylene glycol monobutyl ether and propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate;

(ii) tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether and dipropylene glycol monomethyl ether; or

(iii) tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether and propylene glycol methyl ether acetate.

Claim 39 (New) The composition of Claim 1, wherein there are two resin components.